



**BUCHANAN AREA  
RECREATIONAL BOARD**



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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Buchanan Area Recreation Board (BARB) is looking for community partners to support several projects in both the Township and City. The BARB was created as a joint effort between the City of Buchanan and Buchanan Charter Township to help develop a joint Recreational Master Plan and strategize the most effective implementation of that plan to City and Township parks and facilities. We are committed to beautifying and upgrading Buchanan's parks and look forward to working with you.

Recently the BARB, City of Buchanan Commissioners and Buchanan Charter Township Board of Trustees have dedicated efforts to upgrade and maintain several parks. Specifically, we are replacing outdated equipment and upgrading certain facilities to better serve our residents. As such, we are looking for partners to assist us in accomplishing these goals. We respectfully ask you to consider donating time or financial support to our parks.

There are several opportunities to get involved:

1. Kathryn Park located at 318 Moccasin Street, is looking for beautification by the weeding and planting of perennials in the existing side entrance planters. We need volunteers to physically weed out the planters and update them as needed with new plants.
2. Kathryn Park Garden (in Kathryn Park) needs volunteers to assist with weeding and cleaning out the raised beds and repairing the wood planters as needed.
3. Mud Lake Bog at 905 East Elm Valley Road, is looking for assistance with trimming shrubs and bushes along the wooden walkway.
4. Mud Lake Bog's wooden walkway is in need of repair and new wood placed as needed.
5. The City and Township recently approved the purchase of 10 covered picnic tables to be placed throughout the City and Township, as well as along the McCoy's Creek Trail. These picnic tables were designed by a former Township resident – Willard Gustavsen. Willard Gustavsen's daughter Lise Gustavsen - a City resident, along with his son Tyler Gustavsen utilize the original design to fabricate these beautiful steel, roofed picnic

tables. In support of this beautification project, we are looking for donations. The cost of each table (at a highly discounted price) is \$5,500.00.

If you are able to donate time or financial support to our projects, please contact me via email (preferred) or cell phone. If you would like to simply mail a check, please make it payable to Buchanan Charter Township and mail to 15235 North Main Street, Buchanan, MI 49107. Please notate BARB in the memo field. If you want to donate specifically to the City **OR** Township, please make a note on the check, or send information along with your check, so that we allocate funds properly. If no information is provided, we will divide the money equally between the City and Township parks.

We would be thrilled if you would like to donate an entire table. We will have a legacy plaque made for anyone that donates an entire table. These plaques will be mounted on the table honoring the contribution. Be certain to provide all your information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me, or any other BARB members.

Thank you for your time and support!

Sincerely,

Rachel Plank  
BARB Chairman

And the entire  
Buchanan Area Recreation Board:  
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Katie Heyliger, Township Resident  
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